

Lake Beseck Environment Committee

April 28, 2021

Minutes

(Not approved at time of filing)

1. **ZOOM** Meeting called to order at 7:09 by Richard Santos

2. **Roll Call:** Present were Richard Santos, Amy Poturnicki, Rob Poturnicki, Scott McDonald, Kathy Kukowski, Darin Overton, Ed Bailey Jim Irish, Hannah Malcolm and Rebecca Adams.

Larry Marsicano (AER) was present as invited guest.

Due to Corona Virus this meeting was held through ZOOM.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Rob Poturnicki, seconded by Jim Irish and approved by all.

4. **Public comment** Lisa McCabe is attending as a guest from Lakeview Estates. Kathy will be leaving the committee to move to Florida.

Amy and Rob Poturnicki will be retiring from the committee.

5. **Presentation by Larry Marsicano of AER on the results of the 2020 Water Quality Monitoring Report.**

Larry will present the 2020 water monitoring report. Water samples are collected from 2 areas in the lake May through October and sent to a state approved lab. He spoke about temperature levels and oxygen levels and the effects on the testing. Results. He spoke about a Secchi Disk for measurements of Cyanbacteria Cells. He continued discussing the report. He went through the recommendations made since 2016 and the recommendations that are now in place. The report was further discussed. Jim Irish asked how long an alum treatment lasts because of the cost of the application and when further asked by Ed, Larry thought the state would easily approve this treatment. The discussion continued.

6. **Friends of the Lake:**

Rick spoke about engaging AER to prepare educational posts across their platforms. Ed read a passage from the BOS meeting regarding the Lake. Rob spoke about being careful about what is posted on the Lake Facebook page. Rick felt posting should go through the administration, then the committee before posting. Larry gave an example for posting. He spoke about an enviroscape.com program to encourage participation from all age groups.

7. **Lake Smart Program:**

Rick asked about the Lake Smart Program and the plant sale. Applications should be received by the Town and handed off to Randy Bernotas, IWEO who would then follow up with the applicant. There is a list of things that can be done to make your home a Lake Smart Home, such as picking up after pets, planting buffers, rain barrels

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and other things. The Plant Sale is doing well. Amy would like to get the Lake Smart Plaque installed at the Beach to encourage more participation.

8. Spring and Summer Educational outreach programs

Hannah spoke about a basic aquatic species grant. DEEP is pushing to educate the boaters coming into the lake. Every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day they have hired a Boat Launch Monitor to educate the boaters. They will educate the boaters as well as monitor the launch. In the past there have been some violators who have misused the launch.

9. Boat Speed Limit Sign

The Speed Limit sign has been posted and is very noticeable. The sign addition was discussed. Amy has had some issues with the company they are using. DEEP wanted additional information posted and wording was discussed by Ed, Amy and Rob.

10. Selectmen's Report

Ed has been working on the budget. The LBEC line item is ready for approval. There will now be 3 openings on the committee. Ed will reach out to some people to fill the positions.

Ed spoke about the usage of the beach last year. A lot of work was done in time for the pandemic and many positive comments were discussed. The Town Meeting for the budget will be Jun 7th at Peckham Park.

Jim Gibbons, a long-time resident of the Lake has passed away.

Ed gave the COVID report update for the Town. Discussion regarding the Durham Fair, the Memorial Day Parade, and group meetings continued.

11. Miscellaneous

Amy wanted to discuss education. She asked if Larry had some things that could be posted on his website and a link shared with the Facebook page. She also asked Larry for recommendations about spring education programs. Larry discussed some things that could be done. There is a lot of literature that could be reproduced.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Santos, seconded by Amy Poturnicki and approved by all.